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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1895.

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MODERATOR, Almon A. Davis

TOWN CLERK,

John A. Knight, Chas. W. Buckminster, to fill
vacancy.

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS,

Chas. W. Buckminster, Cassius M. C. Phillips
Lucius E. Parker.

TOWN TREASURER, David B. Nims

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER, David B. Nims

GRAND JURORS,

Lucius E. Parker, William Phillips

ROAD AGENTS.

Byron J. Holt, Horace H. Bridge, John A. Knight

SEXTON, David B. Nims

CONSTABLE, Richard C. Smith

FISH AND GAME WARDEN, Richard C. Smith

SURVEYORS WOOD AND LUMBER,

Chas. W. Buckminster, Horace H. Bridge

FENCE VIEWERS,

Richard C. Smith, Perley W. Ellis, Byron J. Holt

TAX COLLECTOR, Lorenzo W. Davis

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF ROXBURY, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

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Inventory of Polls and Taxable property.

34 Polls,	\$3,400 00
52 Horses,	2,866 00
6 Oxen,	380 00
57 Cows,	1,272 00
81 Sheep,	240 00
Interest money,	950 00
Value improved and unimproved land and buildings,	52,125 00
Value Aqueducts and Reservoirs,	7,500 00
Total valuation,	\$68,733 00

Appropriations and money raised by Taxation.

State tax,	\$190 00
County tax,	97 04
Town tax,	25 00
School tax,	150 00
School House tax,	40 00
Highway tax,	400 00
Overlay,	25 84
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	\$927 88

Amount committed to tax collector, \$927 88

Rate per cent, State, County, Town, School, School house, and highway, \$1.35.

DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Sundry Expenses.

W. H. Spalter, collector's book and md'se,	\$6 12
Perley W. Ellis, bounty on hawks,	50
Milton Parker, bounty on hawks,	25
Cassius M. C. Phillips, expense laying road,	1 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, expense laying road,	1 00
Cassius M. C. Phillips, expense malicious mischief F. Cota,	1 50
Chas. W. Buckminster, expense malicious mischief F. Cota,	1 50
Chas. W. Buckminster, cash paid sundry town charges,	4 25
Selectmen, expense entering petition to court on branch road,	2 20
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Chas. W. Buckminster, services as selectman and assessor,	\$20 00
Cassius M. C. Phillips, services as selectman and assessor,	15 00
Lucius E. Parker, services as selectman and assessor,	10 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, services as overseer of poor,	2 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, services as health officer,	2 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, services as superin- tendent of schools,	6 00
John A. Knight, services as town clerk part of year 1895,	3 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, services as town clerk part of year 1895,	5 00

David B. Nims, services as town treasurer	6 00
David B. Nims, services as school district treasurer,	5 00
David B. Nims, services as supervisor,	3 00
Almon A. Davis, services as supervisor,	3 00
John A. Knight, services as supervisor part of year,	1 50
Lorenzo W. Davis, tax collector,	\$20 00
Richard C. Smith, services as constable,	2 25
Horace H. Bridge, services as member of school board,	5 00
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	\$108 75

OVERSEER OF POOR.

The town has no individual poor, chargeable to town support.

Charles W. Buckminster, expenses to Keene to settle with county commisioners, 3 00

COUNTY CHARGES.

Olive Ellis, aid, County charge,	\$2 50
George D. Surprise, aid, County charge,	46 70
Joseph Goulet, aid, County charge,	26 82
Caleb Philbrick, aid, County charge,	13 00
Joseph Goulet, aid, County charge,	40 92
Mrs. Bawldwin, aid, County charge,	6 00
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	\$135 94

HEALTH OFFICER.

Chas. W. Buckminster, expenses on account of scarlet fever cases of child of Henry Eastman, and Grace Mark, \$1 50

TOWN CLERK.

To the selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of

the records of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I submit the following :

Deaths registered in the Town of Roxbury, year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

William H. Ellis, age, 72 yrs. 10 mo. 18 days.

Chas. W. Buckminster, Town clerk

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1895,	\$ 11 18
Received of C. M. C. Phillips, collector 1894,	206 62
Received of L. W. Davis, collector 1895	611 41
Received of county of Cheshire aid on Branch road,	100 00
Received of county of Cheshire, aid on Pauper claims,	129 94
Received of J. A. Knight, dog license,	18 50
Received of C. W. Buckminster, dog license,	1 80
Received of State treasurer, savings bank tax,	185 71
Received of State treasurer, literary fund,	21 00
Received of State treasurer, Railroad tax,	2 27
Received of State treasurer, Bounty on hawks,	75
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	\$1,289 18
1895 Total am't orders drawn on Treasury	\$1,422 49
Total amount old orders 1894,	76 92
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	\$1,499 41
Total receipts,	\$1,289 18
Overdraft,	210 23
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Assets, Due from tax collector,	\$316 47
Liabilities, Note to secure over draft and Int.	\$217 00
David B. Nims, Treasurer.	

Chas. W. Buckminster,	}	Selectmen.
Cassius M. C. Phillips,		
Lucius E. Parker.		

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENTS.

EXPENDITURES.

Byron J. Holt, labor and supplies,	\$64 02
Horace H. Bridge, labor and supplies,	52 46
C. W. Buckminster,	14 03
J. R. Holt,	26 18
J. A. Knight,	51 59
R. C. Smith,	3 75
C. M. C. Phillips,	1 65
M. Parker,	1 50
G. Parker,	25
H. Nims, stringers,	7 00
E. Kingsbury, poles and posts,	15 40
Road machine,	16 25
C. Ellis,	35 00
R. Page,	30 83
W. Mark,	11 25
J. Mark,	47 37
G. Mark,	21 68
C. Mark,	1 50
F. Green,	7 95
J. Brown,	3 38
C. Brown,	19 13
J. Goulet,	16 06
L. W. Davis,	3 00
V. Guyer,	7 50
H. Bruce,	20 95
F. Bridge,	6 38
T. A. Hastings, labor and lumber,	59 17
S. Ellis,	6 00
J. Byron,	2 25
B. Byron,	6 00
J. Brennan,	1 50
D. B. Nims,	3 00
H. Eastman,	3 00
P. Ellis,	75

Old bills from 1894 road agents, 23 40

\$591 13

RECEIPTS.

Received orders from selectmen on Treasury, 591 13

Amount aid county of Cheshire on branch

road, \$100 00

Actual amount drawn from Town Treasury, 491 13

\$591 13

Appropriation, plus aid from County, \$500 00

Am't of expendit's above appropria'n, 91 13

RECOMMENDATIONS BY ROAD AGENTS.

In view of the fact that the sum of \$400.00 as raised by the town for highways and bridges, has not been found sufficient for that purpose, and realizing it to be the main feature in draining our treasury, and that it will be necessary to expend as much another year, if not more, for the safety and convenience of the traveling public, and security of the town from accidents arising from defective highways, we would recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$500.00 for highways and bridges.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. Holt,

H. H. Bridge,

Road Agents.

REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN.

In presenting our report, we consider it a duty to the tax payers, and ourselves, to make an explanation of our acts in the discharge of our duties, and also a reply to the question so often asked, what has become of the money, reported to be in our treasury? It is gone, used up: How? and who is responsible for it? We answer, it is not your different boards of selectmen from year to year, who are responsible.

There are items for which there are no appropriations, other departments for which the appropriations are insufficient, trusting to the savings bank tax to make up any deficiencies that may arise in these departments.

Is it any wonder then, in view of the fact, that the amount returned to the town this year, from the state is \$183.02 less than in 1893, (the year of the reduction in the amount of appropriations,) should cause a great draft upon the treasury ?

We are, and always have been in favor of improvements, but we believe if improvements are made, an adequate amount of money should be appropriated to meet them.

Our aim is not to criticise, but to explain these points so that every voter may understand the true state of our town affairs.

Respectfully,

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,
LUCIUS E. PARKER.

Selectmen.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

During the year just closed, there has been holden 36 weeks of school. Or 18 weeks in each of the two schools in the district. The number of week's school, was divided into two terms of 10 weeks in the spring, and two terms of 8 weeks in the fall,

With Miss Helen J. Sanborn as teacher in number 1, And Miss Mabel A. Barnard in number 3.

No school was held in number 2, there being but 2 scholars to attend, and one of them above the age of a scholar, These attended school at Chesham.

Both of our teachers, having had several years' experience in teaching and posessing qualities to ensure them the respect, and esteem, of parents and scholars, kept successfull and profitable schools.

Again emphasizing the fact, that the success of a school depends as well upon the support given a teacher by parents and scholars as upon the merits of the teacher.

As no good teacher is ever quite satisfied with amount of work accomplished, we may look for still farther improvement in the work of teachers and scholars.

We note with pleasure the increase in the number of visits to our schools by parents and citizens. This is a step in the right direction,

Our teachers should have the strongest encouragement, our highest appreciation, and cordial recognition from all.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER, {
HORACE H. BRIDGE. } School Board.

REPAIRS.

The school house in number 1 has been repaired and made suitable for scholars and teacher.

It was almost with feelings of discouragement, that your committee entered upon these repairs, in

view of the amount of work to be done, and the necessity to make a dollar go a good way.

The pleasant school room and conveniencies are submitted for your approval as a district, and as the result of our endeavor to faithfully discharge our duties in your behalf.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR REPAIRS.

Nims and Whitney, Md'se,	\$4 10
Knowlton and Stone, Md'se,	11 81
Woodbury and Howard, Md'se,	2 00
Davis, Wright and Harlow, Md'se,	2 27
Davis and Wright, Md'se,	1 22
T. A. Hastings, Md'se,	8 24
J. A. Knight, labor and supplies,	6 09
C. K. Ellis, labor,	10 62
C. W. Buckminster, labor and supplies,	11 00

\$57 35

RECEIPTS.

Received of Treasurer, cash to balance, \$57 35

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,

HORACE H. BRIDGE,

Repairing committee

SCHOOL NO 1.

Miss Helen J. Sanborn, teacher for the
year, wages per week, \$6 00

Length of school in weeks, first term, 9 second term, 9

Whole no. of scholars, first term, 13, second term, 12

Average daily attend., first term, 11, second term, 11

Number tardy marks, first term, 6, second term, 12

Number not absent, first term, 4, second term, 3

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, FIRST TERM,

Gertrude A. Buckminster, Harry Cota

Miles C. Buckminster, Walter E. Buckminster

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, SECOND TERM.

Gertrude A. Buckminster, Miles C. Buckminster

Charles A. Buckminster.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Miss Mabel A. Barnard, teacher for the	
year, wages per week,	\$6 00
Length of school in weeks, first term,	10
Second term,	8
Whole no. scholars, first term, 13, second term,	15
Average attend. first term, 12, second term,	15
No. tardy marks, first term, 0, second term,	0
No. not absent, first term, 6, second term,	14

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE FIRST TERM.

Lulu Bridge,	Lena Bridge,	Elminie Ellis
Charity Ellis,	Daniel Ellis,	Levi Page.

SECOND TERM.

Lulu Bridge,	Lena Bridge,	Eva Bridge
Elminie Ellis,	Clara Ellis,	Daniel Ellis
Charity Ellis,	John Ellis,	Edwin Ellis,
Lewis Ellis,	Lora Ellis,	Levi Page
Clara Byron,		Emma Byron.
No. of visits by the superintendent for the year,	7	
No. of visits by the school board for the year,	8	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury, March 1st.	\$36 62
Received amount of literary fund, 1894,	39 37
Received amount of Dog license, 1894,	11 55
Received amount of Railroad tax,	2 24
Received amount of School money,	150 00
Received amount of School House tax,	40 00
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	\$279 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders from School board on treasury,	272 47
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Balance in treasury,	\$7 31
DAVID B. NIMS,	Treasurer.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Roxbury,
qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall,
in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next,
at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the
following subjects :

1.—To choose by ballot and majority vote, a
Town clerk.

2.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treas-
urer, Road agents, and other officers heretofore
chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

3.—To choose by ballot and majority vote, three
Selectmen.

4.—To choose all other town officers, for the en-
sueing year.

5.—To raise such sum of money as may be
necessary for the support of schools.

6.—To raise such sum of money as may be
necessary for town charges.

7.—To raise such sum of money as may be
necessary for repairing highways and bridges.

8.—To raise such sum of money as may be
necessary for other necessary town charges.

9.—To see if the town will vote to buy a road
machine, and raise money therefor.

10.—To see if the town will vote to establish a
town library, and raise the amount required by law.

11.—To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this 19th. day of February, 1896.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,	} Selectmen of Roxbury.
CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,	
LUCIUS E. PARKER,	

A true copy of warrant :

Attest :	CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,	} Selectmen of Roxbury.
	CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,	
	LUCIUS E. PARKER,	

